

REMARKS

Initially applicants would like to express their appreciation to the Examiner and his supervisor for discussing this case with applicant's representative on June 29, 2004. During the interview, applicants' representative explained how the present invention operates. Although applicants generally agree with the Interview Summary, applicants would like to clarify the record. In particular, applicants note that the present invention is not directed to creating hand drawn images. Rather, the present invention is directed to rendering non-photo realistic images, for example images having a hand drawn appearance.

In response to the objections to the drawings, it is submitted that at least fig. 4 shows the features mentioned by the examiner.

In response to the objection to the specification, it is submitted that at least pages 18 and 19 and figs. 11 - 13 show the features discussed by the examiner.

It is respectfully requested that the examiner withdraw the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, and the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, in view of the discussion during the interview.

It is respectfully requested that the examiner withdraw the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103. It is submitted that none of the applied references teach or suggest the combination of claimed features.

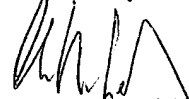
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Consequently, it is respectfully requested that the examiner indicate the allowability of all of the pending claims.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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